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Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

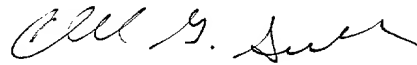
Before commencing examination of the above application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

Page 1, line 5, after "This application is" insert --a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/112,878, filed on July 9, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,245,749, issued June 12, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 08/485,716, filed on June 7, 1995, now abandoned, which is--.

Page 9, line 19, delete "purine" and insert --pyrimidine--.

Respectfully submitted,



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